

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 910  
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor Anson Adams Mount, IV as a  
Distinguished Son of Dickson County and the  
State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to join the citizens of the cities and counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2004 on the Courthouse lawn in Charlotte, upon the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first meeting of the Justices of the Peace who organized Dickson County, a Bicentennial Monument will be unveiled by four Distinguished Sons of Dickson County: Oscar P. Robertson, *The Big O*, of Charlotte, representing Athletics; Anson A. Mount, IV, of White Bluff, representing the Arts; Robert N. "Bob" Clement, of Dickson, representing Public Service; and Thomas W. Beasley, of Burns, representing Business. Mr. Clement and Mr. Beasley are also representing Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Anson Mount has found critical acclaim and success as an actor on stage, screen and television; and

WHEREAS, Anson Mount landed his first role as a supporting actor while a junior at Dickson County Senior High School, cast as a "Guard" in the courtroom drama, *Twelve Angry Jurors*; he also participated in contests, won state awards and qualified for the nationals in Dramatic Interpretation; he is remembered in Dickson County for his outstanding personality, strong leadership skills, easy friendships, and an intense commitment to development of his craft; in 1991 he graduated from DCHS, where he continues to occasionally visit and is an inspiration for students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mount attended his father's alma mater, the University of the South at Sewanee, where he joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, dedicated himself to performance art

and theater, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater Arts in 1995; he continued his education at Columbia University with a Masters of Fine Arts in Acting; he then joined the New York theater scene and he received the 1998 Drama League Award for originating and starring as "Joshua" in the off-Broadway production of *Corpus Christi*; and

WHEREAS, Anson Mount made his feature film debut in the title role as "Tully Coats" in the independent film, *Tully*, receiving critical praise for his performance; he has co-starred in *Crossroads*, *City by the Sea*, and *Battle for Shaker Heights*, with several other film credits as well; he grabbed attention for his recurring role on NBC's *Third Watch*; he has had guest appearances on such critically acclaimed series as HBO's *Sex in the City*, FOX's *Ally McBeal*, and WB's *Smallville*; during the 2003-04 season he starred in the ABC series *Line of Fire*; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of parents gifted in their own careers, former LPGA tour professional Nancy League and the late *Playboy* Sports Editor Anson A. Mount, II; he demonstrates affection for his native White Bluff, where, through his patricarchal grandmother Mary Petty Mount, his Dickson County roots extend to 1803 when the first Petty settled there; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine county and its citizenry as they commemorate this significant milestone in their historic existence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud Anson A. Mount, IV, a Distinguished Son of Dickson County, who has been chosen for the very high honor of unveiling it's Bicentennial Monument on March 20, 2004 and extend to Mr. Mount and the citizens of Dickson County our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.